

City of Canby

Traffic Safety Commission

Minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2016

Commission members present: Bob Backstrom; Dick Templeman; Jackie Jones; Curt Ahlschlager

City members present: Clint Coleman, City Council; Rick Robinson, City Administrator; Jerry Nelzen, Public Works; Todd Gary, Canby Fire Department

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the August 2016 meeting were approved.

Introductions were made and Bob Cambra was attending the meeting as a citizen interested in joining the TSC. He lives on N Maple.

Citizen input was provided by Nancy Wilmes, an involved member of the community, whose property is located on the corner of Holly & Knights Bridge Road. She has dealt with flooding at that corner and gets cars coming through quickly and spraying water in the air. She has also been pestered to trim a hedge in her yard that blocks the view of drivers coming to stop on Knights Bridge. She ultimately recommends a 3-way stop for that intersection. Clint Coleman recommends that Nancy talk to Rick Robinson, as well as the City Council. Dick Templeman suggested TSC members visit the site prior to next meeting.

Clint Coleman conveyed story of citizen on Maple Court who has a neighbor with a garage band that plays loudly after hours (citing general rule of quiet time between 10pm and 7am). Expressed concern over lack of code enforcement of noise. Found that city apparently doesn't utilize a decibel reader.

Old Business:

N. Locust status: Backstrom contacted Police Chief. Speed trailer was placed but battery lasts only 3 days. Backstrom expressed that he has offered up help (volunteer radar gun help, moving traffic trailers, etc.) to Police Department many times but the city has not utilized his help.

N. Maple status: Discussion around mix of city/county ownership contributing to issue. Maintenance on list, but likely 18 months out. Bob Cambra has spoken with Rick Robinson about parking & maintenance concerns. He plans to also talk to Police & Code enforcement. Jackie Jones recommended code enforcement representation at next TSC.

N. Birch status: Backstrom reported delay in humps project, specific to question of funding. Humps were approved but with different source of funding. Next month work begins on Birch, and will also overlay ½ of Territorial. Crosswalks placed on Birch – TSC not aware prior, but thrilled.

Donation for speed bumps status – signs instead?: Backstrom has not recently spoken to donor. Rick Robinson to suggest certain signage.

Traffic counter/speed sign mobile unit: what does city own?: Police (1) and City Works (2). Coleman stated that city needs to be ready for increased population, and address hot spots & recommend best areas for flashing crosswalks.

Templeman suggested next placement of traffic counts for East/West on Township at 13th (one block East of Ivy). Jerry joined meeting and brought readings from last month's placement on counters.

Coleman suggested counters stay longer in each location. Backstrom gave reminder that we want counts now, over next month or so, then agrees with longer term plan on keeping counters in place for longer periods.

Jerry to keep with one-week rotation of signs. Plan to place Township/Ivy (near Knott) on 9/13. Next would be 13th, near water tower.

Readings taken on Territorial/Laurelwood and Territorial/Walnut both around 42,000 in 14 day period. Road work on Arndt, Knights Bridge and Barlow Roads have disrupted normal flows of traffic and counts likely not accurate.

Jerry stated that there's currently money budgeted for 25 MPH sign on Cedar (which is similar cost to flashing sign).

Redflex photo enforcement: Coleman expressed that we could have cameras on Hwy 99 only (at Territorial, Redwood, etc.)

New Business:

Commission Goals Progress reports:

- 1) **By-pass efforts**, employment of counters - Templeman update addressed in notes above
- 2) **Crosswalks** – New painter well received per Jerry. Very quick and efficient.
- 3) **Better communication with neighborhood associations:** N/A
- 4) **Better communication with schools:** N/A
- 5) **TSC participation/ Safety Fair** – Fair is in September. Available TSC members encouraged to volunteer to scope out and recommend involvement for next year.

Backstrom shared notes from Clint and Bob's meeting with Chief Smith:

Summary. Questions from TSC (Answers in red)

-How citizens can get help with problem speeders, reckless driving, commuting trucks on "No Truck" streets? **Work with Officer Booth.**

-Since many of the concerns we hear from citizens involve excessive speed in residential neighborhoods, I would like to know how much of a priority this is with the Canby PD. **60% on officer Nolan time is on 99E, 40% neighborhoods.**

-Has CPD considered reactivating motorcycle traffic enforcement, even for a few days each week. **Not feasible right now.**

- Online traffic unit forms—no responses to filers. **PD tries to respond to every complaint**

-How can TSC help the police do their jobs? **Reply to citizens, explain police budget and time constraints, etc.**

Speeding Hot Spots: Knights Bridge Road. NE and NW Territorial. N. Holly.

N. Birch. NE 10th. N. Redwood. N. Locust. SE 13th. SW 13th .

S. Township. S. Ivy. S. Ponderosa. N. Cedar.

7. GOTO (good of the order)

Backstrom introducing this section for commissioners to speak their minds in terms of direction we are heading.

Robinson did ask Nancy Wilmes for her contact info and will set up time to meet.

Backstrom & Coleman to meet with Bob Cambra regarding his interest in joining the TSC.

Next meeting: Did not discuss, but first Monday in October is 10/3.